

Testerina Primitive Baptist Church

Centennial Celebration

JULY 21-25

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"Testerina Meets The Christian Challenge Through A Century Of Service"

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Greetings:

As Governor of the State of Florida, I extend congratulations to Testerina Primitive Baptist Church on the occasion of its First Centennial.

The role of churches in our nation is a vital one in providing spiritual and moral guidance and in encouraging service to our fellow man. It is fitting, therefore, that the theme of your observance is "Testerina Meets the Christian Challenge Through a Century of Service."

Best wishes on this memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

Reubin O'D. Askew
Governor

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GREETINGS....

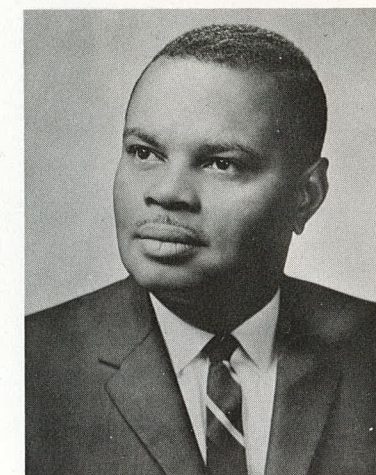
I am grateful for the opportunity to bring greetings from Florida A and M University and it is even a greater pleasure for me to be honored with the invitation to meet members and friends of Testerina Primitive Baptist Church.

As I read the topic I could not help but see a parallel between Testerina and FAMU. "Testerina Meets the Christian Challenge Through a Century of Service," rings a familiar note and I can claim closer identification with the topic because we feel that FAMU has justified its continued existence through its history of service, for nearly a century. Perhaps you can see why this experience with Testerina will always have special meaning for me.

I am certain that I will cherish the memory of my experience with you. Thus, I extend my sincere wishes and ask the blessings of God for your continued service in the next century.

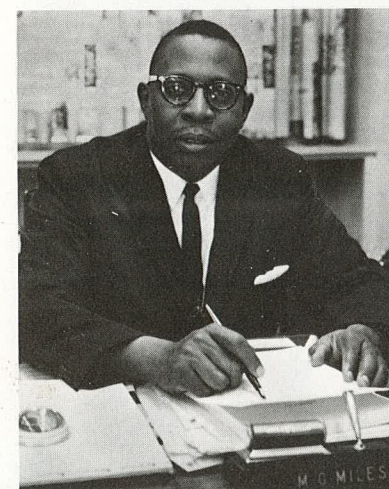
Yours in Christ,

B. L. Perry
B. L. Perry



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Fellow Servants of God:



As you, pastor, officers, and members of Testerina Primitive Baptist Church, pause to observe your 100th Church Anniversary, may the blessings of God abide with you continuously, and may the spirit of Christ continue to guide you through the next century. We salute you highly for having kept pace with the times and held up the bloodstain banner for Christ in Tallahassee for 100 years.

As you move into the next century, may the spirit of humility, the faith of eternity, the joy of salvation, the honesty of the ages, and the divine guidance of Christ lead you on and on.

Moses Genreal Miles
President
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MY CHURCH HELPS ME:

*To keep a sky in my life and to look up,
To keep my hand in God's and hold on to him,
To see the eternal values above the material,
To lift life above self to service for Christ,
To see the good in others and praise it,
To keep sweet and to keep busy for him,
To have a seeing eye, a feeling heart, a helping hand,
To test the motive of life and choose the best,
To do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.*

The Watchman — Examiner



Pastor's Wife



Mrs. Gussie Beatrice Hill

The Pastor Speaks. . . .

I take warm pleasure in extending greetings in behalf of the Testerina Primitive Baptist Church on our 100th ANNIVERSARY celebration. The theme for this occasion — "Testerina Meets the Christian Challenge Through a Century of Service" — is in keeping with our desires to re-dedicate ourselves to faithfully serving our heavenly father. I ask that we who now live may build the spiritual fabric of the nation in truth, beauty, and goodness, and that as we draw near to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we may draw nearer to one another in perfect brotherhood. The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in.

Reverend G. W. Hill,
Pastor



MEMBERS OF CHURCH

Historical Sketch

Testerina Primitive Baptist Church was first organized in a brush hobble about one-half mile east of its present location just a few years after the emancipation of the - Slaves. In 1871 a small group of Christains chose the late Elder Moses Vaughn as their Pastor and Organizer of Testerina Primitive Baptist Church. Little is known of him other than the fact that he was an Ex-Slave and a native of Leon County. He served from 1871 until his death in 1890. Out of his generation came many fine people. The oldest member now living in the Vaughn family is a grandson; Deacon Johnny Vaughn. The following Deacons were selected and ordained - under Elder Moses Vaughn: Deacons Burden Clack, Henry Wilken, and Alford Austin. Along with this Elder and Deacons a few unconverted persons served faithfully as Trustees, the late Mr. Caleb Hawkins, Mr. John Davis, and Mr. Malachi Barnes, Sr. All of these people were later converted and became members of the church. In 1884, the members came unto possession of this present spot of land, and built a wooden building.

After the death of Elder Vaughn, the church later elected the late Elder Henry Johnson of Leon County, in 1890. He - baptized and received more members in the church than any - minister of his time. During his pastorate, the church was enlarged and several additions were made. Rev. Johnson served until his death in 1932.

From 1933-1948, the Elder Clifford T. Hillyard of Wakulla County served as Pastor. In 1942, the building was completely destroyed by fire, and a new building was constructed in 1943. Under his Pastorate the first usher board was organized.

During the period 1949-1957, Rev. G. W. Hill served as Pastor at which time the first choir was organized. From this - group, two choirs were formed - a Junior and Senior. Many - additions were made to the building including the choir stand and a choir room. Under this same Pastorate, the church obtained a clear title of deeds, and a corner-stone was laid.

Rev. Culbert W. Williams of Wakulla County succeeded Rev. Hill, serving from 1957-1963. Under his Pastorate our present building, a cafeteria was constructed, and a corner - stone was laid.

In may of 1961, Rev. G. W. Hill was again elected and now serves as our pastor.

HISTORY CONT'D.

Progress has continued tremendously in spirit, membership, auxillaries, and facilities. A male choir and additional mixed choirs have been organized; modernized restrooms have been constructed, the Pastor's study and expanded choir rooms, remodeled cafeteria, new furniture and installation of new pews and carpeting.

Many accomplishments have been made and we look forward to the expansion of the building structure, a central air conditioning system, along with many other long-range goals.

We must see to it that this growth continues for those who succeed us. Of course, our greatest reward is to receive the glory of eternal life with our Father in Heaven.



NEVER SAY FAIL

*Keep pushing—'tis wiser than sitting aside
And dreaming and sighing and waiting the tide.
In life's earnest battle they only prevail
Who daily march onward, and never say fail.*

*With an eye ever open, a tongue that's not dumb,
And a heart that will never to sorrow succumb,
You'll battle— and conquer, though thousands assail;
How strong and how mighty, who never say fail.*

*In Life's rosy morning, in manhood's firm pride,
Let this be the motto your footsteps to guide;
In storm and in sunshine, whatever assail,
We'll onward and conquer, and never say fail.*

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday Evening, July 21-----City-wide Prayer Service

"ALSO"
"AN EYE WITNESS REPORT"

Thursday Evening, July 22-----Sermon - Rev. Ernest Ferrell,
Galilee P. B. Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

Friday Evening, July 23-----Sermon - Rev. R. N. Gooden,
St. Mary P. B. Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

Saturday Evening, July 24-----Benefit Banquet - Carriage
House, Tallahassee Northwood Mall

Sunday Morning, July 25-----Centennial Message - Rev. T. W.
Samuels, Eustus, Florida

Sunday Evening, July 25-----"GOSPEL FESTIVAL"

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

Steering Committee-----Mr. James Ferrell, Chairman,
Mrs. Annie Peacock, Co-Chairman

History Committee-----Miss Olivia Meeks, Chairman,
Mrs. Idella Wilson, Co-Chairman

Assessments Committee-----Mr. Lucian Wilson, Chairman,
Mr. Daniel Leon, Co-Chairman

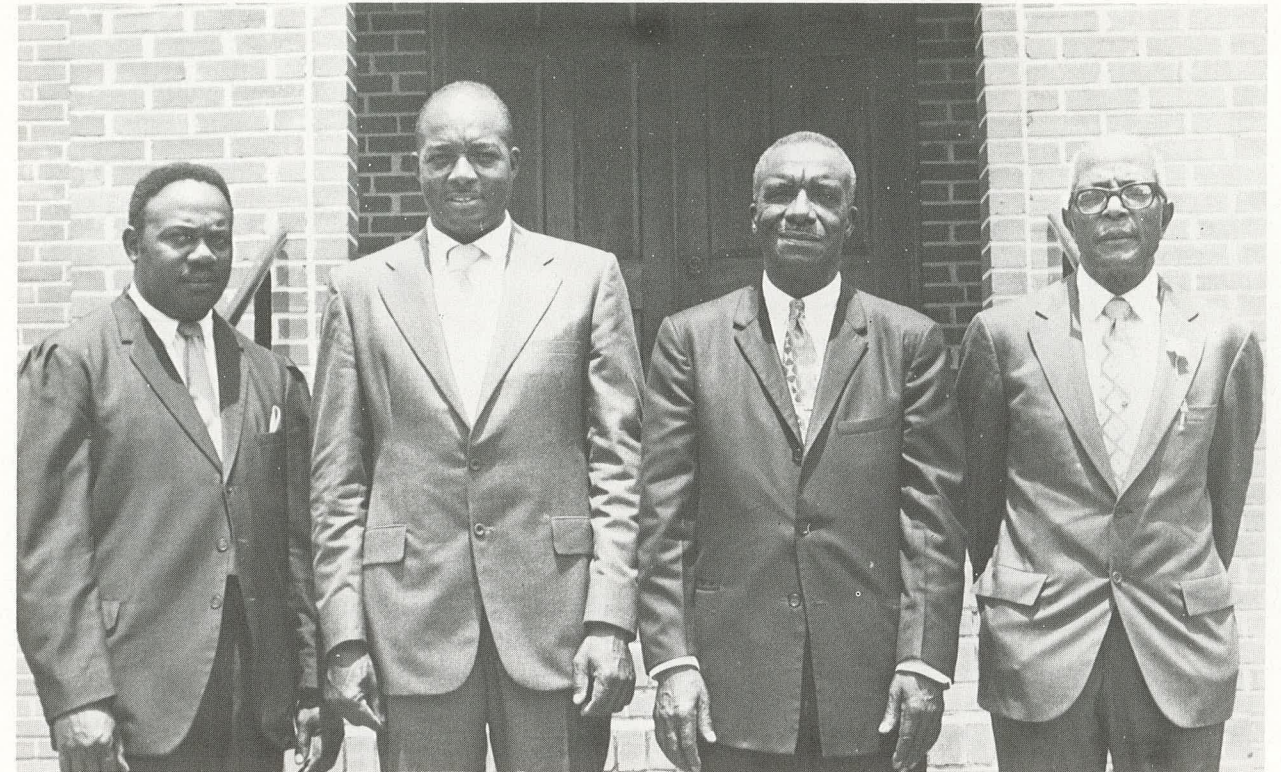
Banquet Committee-----Mrs. Emily King, Chairman,
Mrs. Irene Meeks, Co-Chairman

Advertisement Committee-----Mr. Ernest Proctor, Chairman,
Mrs. Savannah Stanley, Mrs. Betty
Roberts, Miss Shirley Ferrell, Co-
Chairmens

Refreshment Committee-----Mrs. Gussie B. Hill, Chairman,
Mrs. Rebecca Smith, Co-Chairman

Youth Department-----Miss Sherri Allen, Chairman,
Mr. Leroy Ferrell, Co-Chairman

BOARD OF DEACONS



Deacon Luke Thompson, Chairman

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Brother Howard Wilson, Chairman

WEDNESDAY EVENING
 July 21, 1971 - 7:30 P.M.
 CITY-WIDE PRAYER SERVICE

Miss Patricia Cozart-----Presiding

P R O G R A M

Processional---(BEFORE THIS TIME ANOTHER YEAR)---Visiting
 Churches

Welcome and Occasion-----Mo. G. B. Hill

Scripture-----Rev. G. W. Hill

Hymn-----Dea. Clarence Jefferson

Prayer-----Dea. Lucian Wilson

Hymn-----Dea. Roosevelt Bentley

Prayer-----Dea. Alex Brimm

Hymn-----Dea. Henry White

Prayer-----Dea. Isaac Yant

Prayer-----Dea. William Lawrence

Song-----Bro. Lee Rufus Nicholson

-TESTERINA'S LEGEND-

Eye Witness Account-----Rev. James Davis, Dea. Frazier
 Arnold, Mo. Lee Etta Meeks

Response-----Miss Patricia Cozart

Offering-----Dea. David Kelly, Dea. James
 Burgess, Dea. John Tucker

Remarks & Announcements-----Rev. G. W. Hill

BENEDICTION-----

BOARD OF MOTHERS



Mother Idella Wilson, Chairman

BOARD OF USHERS



Sister Angeletta M. Ferrell, President

THURSDAY EVENING
July 22, 1971 - 7:30 P.M.
CENTENNIAL SERVICE

Rev. Leroy Thompson-----Presiding

P R O G R A M

DEVOTION

Hymn-----Mr. Leroy Burgess

Prayer-----Dea. Alex German, Jr.

Song-----Mr. Daniel Leon, Jr.

Selection-----St. Peter No. 2 Choir

Welcome & Occasion-----Mrs. Emma Bruce

Scripture-----Rev. Dan Gay

Introduction of Speaker-----Rev. Leroy Thompson

Selection-----St. Peter No. 2 Choir

Sermon-----Rev. Ernest Ferrell

Selection-----St. Peter No. 2 Choir

Invitational Hymn-----Rev. James Austin

Response-----Rev. C. C. Cunningham

Offering-----Dea. T. H. Washington,
Dea. Isaac Young, Mr.
Sip Collins

Acknowledgements & Announcements-----Rev. G. W. Hill

Benediction-----Rev. Ernest Ferrell

CHOIR NUMBER ONE



Brother Elkin Austin, President

CHOIR NUMBER TWO



Brother James Ferrell, President

Brother Charlie Austin, President

SATURDAY EVENING
 July 24, 1971 - 8:00 P.M.
 BENEFIT BANQUET

Mrs. Hattie Joyce Sager-----Presiding

P R O G R A M

Musical Prelude-----Mr. Jimmy Coleman

Lord's Prayer-----Mrs. Brendolyn Owens

Welcome & Occasion-----Mrs. Alice Peacock

Solo-----Mrs. Betty Sanders

Introduction of Speaker-----Mrs. H. J. Sager

Speaker-----Dr. Benjamin L. Perry,
 President, Florida A & M
 University

Acknowledgement of Guests-----Mr. Herman W. Landers

Remarks-----Mr. James Ford, City
 Commissioner

DINNER WILL BE SERVED PROMPTLY AT 8:15 P. M.

CHOIR NUMBER THREE



Sister Victoria Burgess, President

CHURCH SCHOOL



Brother Leroy L. Ferrell, Superintendent

SUNDAY MORNING

July 25, 1971 - 11:00 A.M.

CENTENNIAL MESSAGE

Rev. Byron Long-----Presiding

P R O G R A M

DEVOTION

Hymn-----Dea. James Lofton

Prayer-----Dea. Willie Hogan

Selection-----Providence Jr. Choir,
Thomasville, Georgia

Welcome & Occasion-----Mrs. Doris Collins

Scripture-----Rev. Byron Long

Introduction of Speaker-----Rev. G. W. Hill

Selection-----Providence Jr. Choir

Sermon-----Rev. T. W. Samuels,
Superintendent, Florida State
Primitive Baptist Church School

Selection-----Providence Jr. Choir

Response-----Rev. Byron Long

Offering-----Mr. Alfred Taylor,
Dea. Johnnie Vaughn, Jr.,
Mr. W. O. Mack, Mr. Solmon
Dennis

Acknowledgements & Announcements-----Mo. Lee Etta Meeks

Benediction-----Rev. T. W. Samuels

REFRESHMENTS IN CHURCH CAFETERIA

SUNDAY EVENING

July 25, 1971 - 2:00 P.M.

GOSPEL FESTIVAL

Mrs. A. S. Charleston-----Presiding

P R O G R A M

DEVOTION

Hymn-----Mr. Elkin Austin

Prayer-----Mr. Lewis Jefferson

Song-----Mr. Norman Jefferson

Scripture-----Rev. Dock Roberts

Welcome & Occasion-----Miss Sherri Allen

Introduction of Master of Ceremony-----Mrs. A. S. Charleston

Master of Ceremony-----Rev. Joseph Brown

"VISITING CHOIRS"

Offering-----Dea. Jack Johnson,
Mr. George Holiday

Acknowledgements & Announcements-----Mr. James Ferrell

Financial Report-----Mrs. Rebecca Smith

Benediction-----Rev. G. W. Hill

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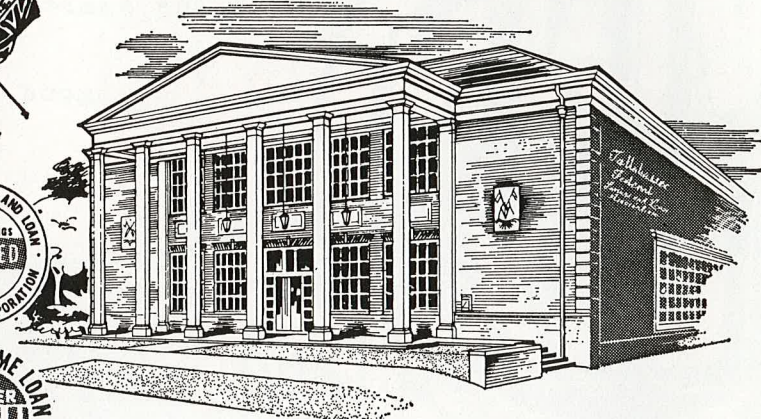
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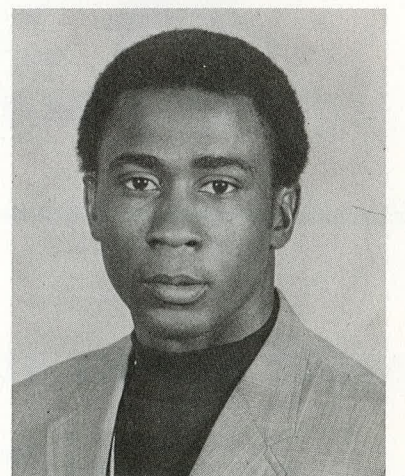
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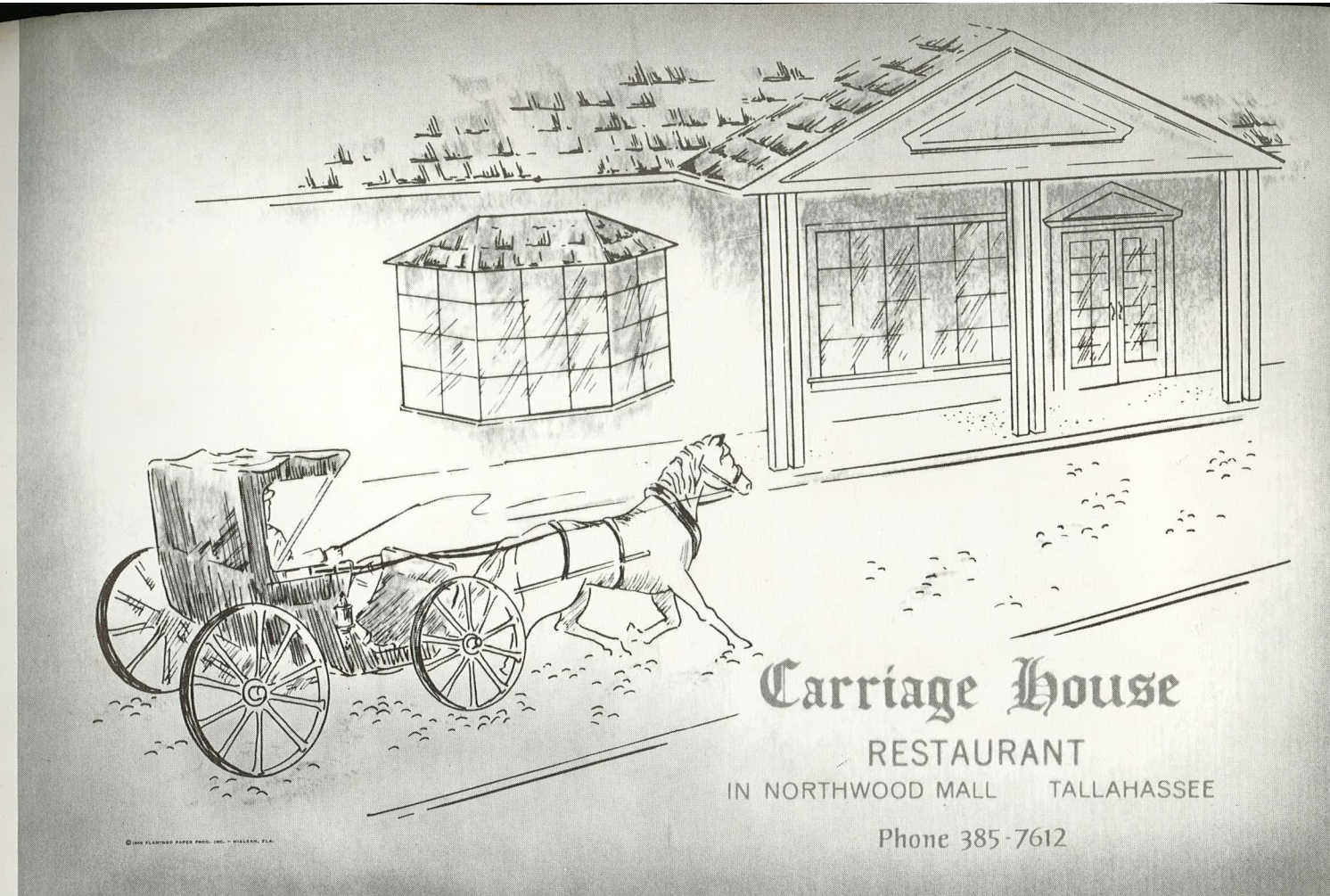
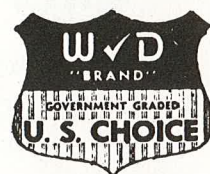


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